- BALTIMORE METROCENTER SURVEY

AREA: Cathedral Hill

SURVEY NO.: B-2191

MAGI NO.: 0421915711

Address: 347 North Charles Street

Current Name:

Block: 581 Lot: 12

Height: 3

Condition: Good Use: Commercial

Designation:

Lot size: 23 ft. x 137 ft. Materials: Brick and wood

Owner: Edward Zaron

Accessible: yes, restricted Liber/Folio: SEB 168/33

Historic Name: Date: ca. 1900 Architect/Builder: Style (if appropriate):



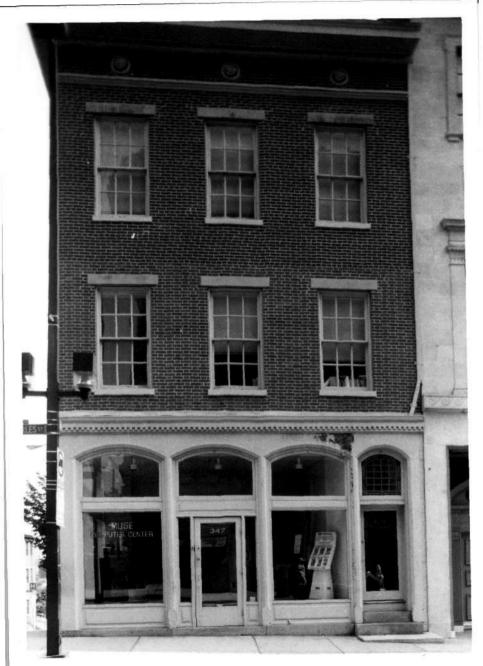
Description: The building has a three-bay facade on Charles Street above a mostly glass storefront. The two-part display windows flank the modern door in the center bay. Each bay has an arched transom. A small side door to the upper floors on the south end of the facade has a narrower leaded transom. The door is not in use. On the Mulberry Street elevation, the front section continues around the corner to form a single bay on the upper stories and two bays of the storefront. A rear two story section of painted brick adjoins the front section. This has four bays on the upper floors, but no windows on the first story. The upper floors of the front section have 6/6 windows with stone lintels and sills. A band molding sets off a row of rosettes centered over each bay on both the Charles and Mulberry Street elevations. A wide overhanging but plain cornice almost hides a small parapet wall. A slight change in brick color and mortar indicates the third story may have been added at a later date. An early 20th century photo shows a different fenestration in the Mulberry Street bay. The third floor may have been rebuilt at the time the present windows were placed. Significance: Level: local

Area: architecture

The 19th century character of the storefront in this building was concealed for years behind metal panels and was recently revealed in a renovation of the building. From 1909 until the early 1950's, the architect Laurence Hall Fowler had an office on the third floor of the building. His photographs of the Cathedral Hill and Mt. Vernon areas from the early 20th century the 1940's are an important architectural record. They are held primarily by the Johns Hopkins University Eisenhower Library at Evergreen House along with Fowler's architectural drawings. Other Fowler photographs can be found at the Baltimore Museum of Art Decorative Arts Division, the Peale Museum, and the Maryland Department of the Enoch Pratt Library. In addition to Fowler, the following architects had offices at 347 North Charles during the 1920s and later: Henry P. Hopkins, Charles D. Loomis, Allan Burton, Faion E. Lott, and Josiah T. Tubby.

Sources: Fowler photos; city directories Surveyor and Date: Janet Davis, March 1985





347 North Charles Street B-2191
Cathedral Hill - Metrocenter Survey
Baltimore (City), Maryland
Photo: Janet Davis
Date: August 1984
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West elevation
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347 North Charles Street B-2191 Cathedral Hill - Metrocenter Survey Baltimore (City), Maryland Photo: Janet Davis Date: May 1985 Neg. loc.: Maryland Historical Trust Northwest corner view 2/2

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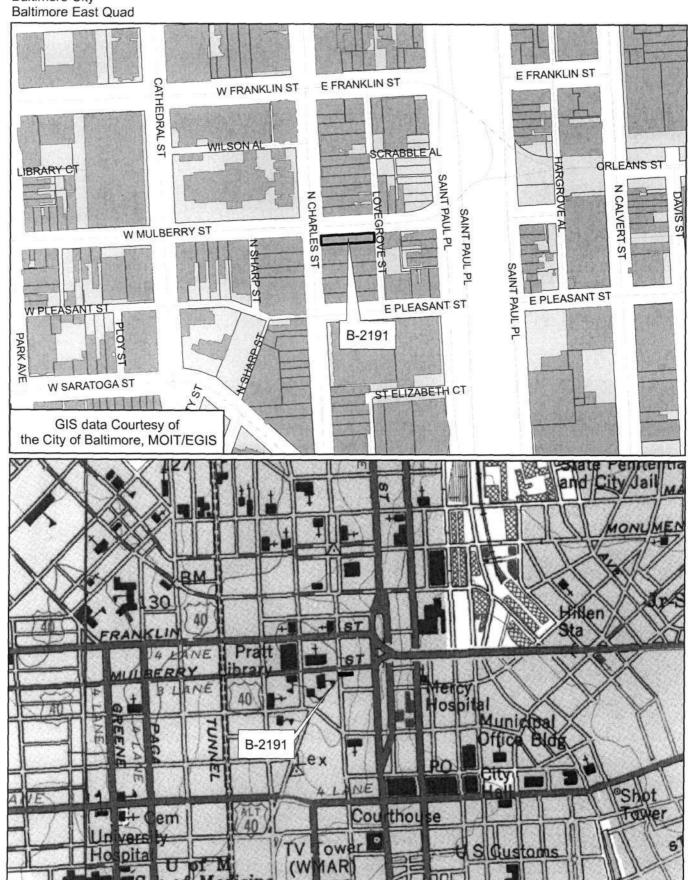
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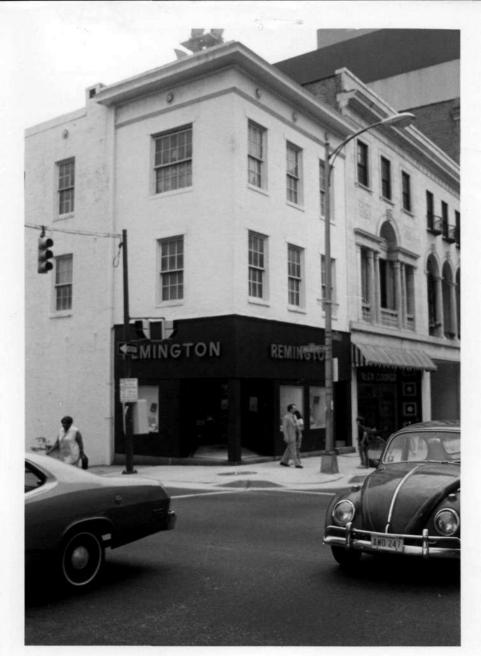
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Block 581 was originally part of the landholdings of Charles Sterett Ridgely. At one time this block was a residential section for the Baltimore social elite ( see 336 ST. Paul) but near the turn of the century it developed into a commercial district. It is the opinion of the authors that the present buildings on North Charles Street were originally built for commercial use; the structures weren't private residences. It is evident that the brick buildings' facades have been altered to conform with trends in storefront design; most now have plate glass windows to display their merchandise. Mulberry and Pleasant Streets, the two side streets, on the whole have poorer quality structures in terms of condition and style; the buildings have less elaborate facades and are in the process of deterioration. The two corner houses on St. Paul Place appear to have originally been private residences but are now both used for law offices. The original historical significance of this block seems to have been lost through progress. However, an effort should be made to preserve the fine variety of early twentieth structures that presently exist.

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